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Please accept the following fax of comments on the DSC Petition. Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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